BILL: **W2016-SB**

TITLE: **Club Sports Funding**

SPONSOR: **Karina Toy, President**

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Whereas the core purpose of student organizations is to give students the opportunity to explore new activities and make new connections, while being competitive comes secondarily,

Whereas club sports have traditionally held a disproportionately large portion of allocations from the Student Activities Fee (SAF),

Whereas club sports have grown in scope and cost substantially in the past decade,

Whereas the Student Government Association Finance Committee (SGAFC) wants to contain further expenditure growth of club sports, but still allow them to thrive,

Whereas standardizing the funding process can help to guide expectations and productive conversations,

Whereas the conversation about club sports has come up nearly every year in recent history in Student Government Association (SGA) Senate, and some clarity between the SGA and club sports would be appreciated by all,

Whereas the SGA wants to support all student organizations equally,

Therefore, let it be enacted…

That, a funding cap for club sports will be calculated on a per organization basis using the average annual budget of SGAFC funds from the last three years. Before calculating, any anomalies or items outside of policies will be deducted.

That, these funding caps will determine the maximum amount of total money that each club sport may receive annually. In addition, the SGAFC will not fund a level less than 90% of the cap for each organization annually. Exceptions will only be made if the President or Treasurer of the club sport explicitly states that they do not need 90% of their cap.

That, club sports shall still present to the SGAFC according to usual practice and the SGAFC will allocate between the 90% and 100% cap in a manner consistent with how they allocate all budgets.

That, club sports shall have the ability to appeal their cap allocation: to do so they must contact the Finance Committee chair and their allocation of approval will be decided by the Senate.

That, after the two years are over, it is up to the SGAFC, Senate, and club sports to assess the success of the agreement and the role of club sports on campus. At this time, all parties should discuss the following options:

1.) Maintaining the model, as is, for the next two years

2.) Readjusting the caps by the new average of the most previous three years

3.) Increasing the caps by the proportional change in CPI

That, if something unexpected and major occurs, changing the positioning of a club sport (e.g. a necessary league change, a massive increase in participant numbers, etc.), the club sport has the right to come before the SGA Senate and request a change in their funding cap. It is up to the club sport to notify the SGA President of their situation and desire to appeal their funding cap.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Benscheidt, Chair of the Finance Committee

Karina Toy, SGA President

Vote Count

In favor:	President Toy, Senator Lantigua, Senator Cohen (proxy), Senator Pustejovsky, Senator Wilson, Senator Waddell, Senator Duran, Senator Fisher, Senator Aaron, Senator Goldfield, Senator Hayes, Senator Ou, Senator Wright, Senator McCormick, Senator Andrews, Senator McCarthy, Co-Chair Sanderson
Opposed:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

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